

BOOK 3

200	3/12/48	Flier	NAACP Program
201	No Date	Speech	Moore entitled "Register and Vote"
202	3/12/48	Note	From Calvin E. Adams to Moore re proposal, speech by Senator John E. Matthews re Democratic Primary
203	4/26/48	Envelope & Documents	To Principal Mims Negro School, letter dated 3/20/48 from Moore to co-workers re "Noah Griffin Day," two copies of a letter dated 4/10/40 from Moore to co-workers re Democratic Primary Election, three copies of a flier from Moore re Records And Attitudes of Candidates
204	4/30/46	Envelope	Three copies from Moore to Citizens re congressional election, Two copies of a press release Progressive Voters League from Moore re meeting, minutes of meeting by Moore, press release by Moore re 1948 general election, letterhead of Progressive Voters League, letter dated 3/10/48 from Moore to co-workers re Noah Griffin day, letter dated 4/12/46 from Moore to candidates re candidate view point, letter, no date from Moore to co-workers re candidate endorsements, letter dated 5/8/47 from unsigned to State Capitol re Senate Bill 16, letter dated 5/7/47 from Melba J. Cambric to Fellow Citizens re Matthews Primary Bill, blank Progressive Voters League Membership card with note on back "first card 1947, letter dated 4/9/47 from J. Tom Watson to Moore re Principles of government, letter dated 3/15/47 from Moore to Fellow Citizens re White Primary Bill, letter dated 1/23/47 from Moore to co-workers re meeting, letter dated 4/4/47 from Moore to Legislators re Senate Bill 16, two copies of a letter dated 3/15/47 from Moore to Fellow Citizens re White Primary Bill, flier from Florida Voters League re information on candidates, press release dated 3/16 re political party control, two copies of a letter dated 3/23/47 from Moore to co-workers re meeting, letter dated 4/25/46 from Moore to co-workers re candidate endorsement, flier from Negro Voters League of Florida re Negro vote, letter dated 2/19/46 from J. Tom Watson to Moore re voter registration, letter dated 2/4/46 from Moore to co-workers re resolution, two copies of a flier from Negro Voters League of Florida re Negro vote, letter dated 9/21/46 from Moore to co-workers re May Primary Election, letter dated 10/12/46 from Moore to J. Harry Schad re candidate viewpoint, letter dated 1/24/46 from Moore to co-workers re membership campaign, letter dated 10/14/46 from J. Harry Schad to Moore re candidate viewpoint, letter dated 10/12/46 from Moore to J. Harry Schad re candidate viewpoint, two copies of a letter dated 7/26/45 from Charles O. Andrews to Moore re pending legislation, letter dated 6/20/45 from Moore to Florida Delegation re pending legislation, letter dated 11/15/45 from Moore to co-workers re voter

			registration, two copies of a letter dated 5/23/46 from Moore to co-workers re Democratic Primary Election, three copies of a letter undated from Moore to co-workers re congressional candidates.
205	4/30/48	Envelope	Envelope from J. E. Field to Moore, newspaper clipping
206	3/10/48	Telegram	Dated 3/10/48 from Roy Wilkins to Moore re annual conference, letter dated 6/14/48 from Roy Wilkins to Moore re meeting, hand-written notes, letter dated 9/23/48 from Madison S. Jones, Jr. to Moore re meeting
207	9/23/48	Post Card	From Post Office to Moore re request to see Postmaster,
208	2/17/49	Telegram	From B. Gloster to Moore re meeting in S.C., voting delegate's Card dated 6/22/48 for Moore
209	8/6/47	Letter	From unsigned to L. G. Crofton re white primary election
210	9/8/39	Fliers	Two Copies of the NAACP program, flier - NAACP program, 7/23/42 flier for NAACP program, 10/23/42 flier for NAACP program, letter no date letter hand-written from unknown to Moore, letter dated 9/17/43 from O. B. McClintock to NAACP members re State Conference, list of officers elected at WPB, list of officers elected at WPB, flier dated 10/15/43 NAACP re program, flier dated 10/13/44 NAACP re program, flier dated 8/31/45 re NAACP program, flier dated 8/31/45 Jr NAACP-re program, flier dated 6/7/46 NAACP re program, flier dated 8/31/45 Jr NAACP re program, flier dated 11/28 Mass Meeting of NAACP, Minutes and Report of NAACP re conference 11/16/45, flier dated 5/13 re emergency drive, three copies of a flier dated 6/7/46 re NAACP program, flier dated 8/11/46 re NAACP program, two copies of a flier dated 8/23/46 re Youth Council meeting, envelope from The Eatonite Magazine to Moore dated 11/18/42, NAACP meeting Guest ribbon, flier dated 11/8/46 re NAACP program, flier dated 2/9/47 re NAACP meeting, flier dated 3/30/47 re NAACP mass meeting, flier dated 1947 re NAACP mass meeting, flier dated 3/12/48 re NAACP meeting, two copies of a flier dated 3/14/48 re NAACP re meeting, flier 4/18/48 re NAACP meeting, flier dated 11/26/48 re NAACP program
211	6/6/46	Flier	Moore's President's Annual Message
212	6/6/46	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re NAACP activities
214	10/15/46	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re One-Day Emergency Conference, re 7 th annual conference
215	11/1/46	Letter	Moore to co-corkers re NAACP activities
216	11/1/46	Letter	Moore to co-corkers re NAACP activities
217	3/15/47	Summary	Moore to co-workers re membership drive, letter dated 4/5/47 From Moore re activities of Youth Council, letter dated 2/28/47 from Moore to co-workers re membership drive
218	4/4/47	Letter	From Moore to Legislators re opposition to Senate Bill 16 re preventing Negroes from voting in Democratic Primary

			election
219	7/11/47	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re status of NAACP re finances & Membership
220	8/2/47	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re youth council meeting, five copies of a flier dated 8/29/47 re Youth Council program, letter dated 11/1/46 from Moore to co-workers re NAACP activities
221	10/24/47	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re fundraising
222	12/5/47	Letter	Moore to co-workers financial appeal for legal cases
223	12/8/47	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re NAACP membership, letter dated 4/23/47 re visit of Daniel E. Byrd
224	11/1/47	Flier	From Moore re information re Progressive Voters League, two Copies of a letter dated 10/10/47 fro Moore to co-workers re school officials Election
225	7/26/48	Speech	Two copies by Moore re "Taking Political Stock in Florida"
226	10/21/48	Letter	From Moore to co-workers three copies re endorsement of candidate letter from Moore no date to co-workers re endorsement of candidate
227	No Date	Flier	Two copies from Moore re NAACP meeting in Lake Wales
228	10/7/48	Letter	From Moore to Negro voters of the 5 th Congressional District re Endorsement of candidate
229	12/7/47	Flier	Program for Oviedo branch meeting
230	8/14/48	Flier	From Moore re 1948 General Election
231	10/2/48	Flier	From Moore re Progressive Voters League meeting in Orlando
232	10/21/48	Flier	From Moore re Progressive Voters League endorsement of Candidates
233	10/22/48	Letter	From Moore to co-workers re 8 th annual meeting of NAACP, two copies of flier dated 10/27/48 from Moore re endorsement of Truman for President by Progressive Voters League
234	8/10/49	Memorandum	From Moore to Florida NAACP branches re 5 th annual meeting of Florida Youth Councils and College Chapters, letter dated 5/15/46 from Moore to co-workers re 6 th annual meeting of Florida NAACP
235			Letter dated 8/10/49 from Moore to co-workers re 5 th annual meeting of Florida NAACP Youth Councils and College Chapters, letter dated 5/15/46 from Moore to co-workers re 6 th annual meeting for the NAACP state conference in Panama City, letter dated 10/12/46 from Moore to J. Harry Schad re candidate viewpoint, letter dated 10/14/46 from J. Harry Schad to Moore re candidate viewpoint
236	3/30/50	Letter	Two copies from Moore to co-workers re Progressive Voters League Meeting
237	No Date	List	Hand-written list of names
238	No Date	List	Hand-written list of names
239	No Date	Notes	Hand-written notes
240	No date	Notes	Hand-written notes
241	No Date	Summary	From Moore re Suggested items for Republican Party Platform

			Re Equal Rights for Minority Groups
242	No Date	Notes	Hand-written notes and list of names
	No Date	Application	Blank application for Charter for NAACP branch
244	No Date	Letterhead	Blank letterhead for Progressive Voters League
245	No Date	Notes	Hand-written notes
246	No Date	List	Hand-written list of names
247	No Date	Check book	From Florida State Bank, envelope no date from Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company to Moore
248	No Date	Paper Bag	Empty brown paper bag
249	No Date	Speech	Hand-written speech entitle "Is It True That the Negro Is Lifted Above Mental Servitude to Any Great Extent By Education?"
250	No Date	List	Hand-written list of names entitled Lynchings in Florida
251	No Date	Report	Daily report with hand-written notes
252	6/24/41	Flier	Two copies of NAACP Program, 8/26/49 NAACP Program, 11/26/48 NAACP Program, 9/5/47 NAACP Program, 6/24/41 NAACP Program, 7/12/44 NAACP Program, Three copies 11/8/46 NAACP, 7/12/44 NAACP Program, 11/8/46 NAACP Program, 8/23/46 NAACP Program, NAACP Annual Report 1940, NAACP report Equal justice Under The Law 6/44, 6/26/46 NAACP Program, Constitution & By-laws for NAACP 3/39, Florida Supreme Court Opinion re Isiah Chambers et al, The Bulletin of the Florida State Teachers Association 1945, 1944
			NAACP Program, Notice For Guidance at the Polls, Flier 6/17/46 Progressive Voters League Program, Flier Public Notice, 6/20/45 Flier Progressive Voters League, Flier Public Notice, Flier 3/14/48, 8/31 flier re NAACP Program, Envelope from NAACP New York to Moore no date, Flier Public Notice no dated, 6/17/46 flier re NAACP Mass Meeting, Two copies of a flier 9/3/48 NAACP Youth Council Program,

Register And Vote

A few days ago the Barnett National Bank issued the following statement: "The highest privilege of American citizenship is the vote. It is your voice in determining who shall direct your government. Every citizen should be a registered voter. Those who fail to register will have no right to complain or criticize if they are later dissatisfied with their government".

As I read this statement, I thought about the attitude assumed by so many of my people. We complain bitterly about the injustices that we suffer in this country. We bemoan the inequalities in educational opportunities, the segregation, police brutality, lynching, and other evils that are heaped upon Negro citizens; but so few of us are willing to take positive action for the alleviation of these conditions. Mere talk will not suffice. If we are to receive the proper respect from those who govern us, we must exercise some voice in their election.

Since Reconstruction days southern states have used various methods to restrict the vote of their Negro citizens. Through intimidation, the Grandfather Clause, the poll tax, and the white primary, the South has sought to neutralize the Negro's political power. Gradually these restrictions are being lifted. Thanks to the efforts of the NAACP, the Grandfather Clause was outlawed in 1915. The NAACP now has a case before the U. S. Supreme Court which we hope will open the Democratic Primary. The abolition of the poll tax in Florida places us in a better position to vote than that enjoyed by Negroes in most southern states.

Even now, however, some of us are discouraged because we are barred from the Democratic Primary. Let us not let this restriction keep us from registering. We must create more competition in this business. If Negroes register in large numbers, even as Republicans or Independents, the Democrats will not always be so sure of winning in the General Election. Thus the Negro's political influence will automatically increase.

We are now approaching what might prove to be the most momentous election in the history of our country. Not since 1864 has this country held a presidential election while engaged in a bloody conflict. Important issues are being discussed. We are hearing much about the Atlantic Charter, a fourth term, the fight against inflation, etc. As American citizens it is only natural that we, too, should be interested in these questions. Black citizens are anxious to help develop a prosperous post-war America and a peaceful world, in which all races and nations can live as one big family.

On the other hand, some are raising issues that seem to affect our race in particular. One Florida candidate for the U. S. Senate is advocating a return to "states' rights" and "white supremacy". This man would leave the South free "to handle its own social and racial problems". Thus while black boys are bravely resisting the abuses of aggression on foreign fields, evil forces are oppressing colored Americans right here in their own country. "White Supremacy" leagues are being organized in South Carolina and Alabama; Senator Bilbo urges his legislature to "renew our faith and allegiance to the color line"; Gov. Sparks of Alabama denounces Federal aid for public schools; a Florida Normal teacher and his brother-in-law are brutally beaten by Jacksonville policemen; and a fifteen-year old Negro school boy is lynched in Sumner County. These are some of the issues that should arouse black citizens to cast the heaviest possible vote in the coming election.

We firmly believe in the doctrine of that writer who said: "He who would be free must himself strike the first blow". The ballot is one of our most powerful weapons in this fight for democracy at home. Let us prepare now to use it to the fullest extent.

Harry T. Moore, president
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Records And Attitudes of Candidates

The Progressive Voters' League of Florida has decided not to make any formal endorsement of candidates for state offices until after the first primary. However, for the benefit of Negro voters, we release the following information about some of the candidates, with regard to their records and attitudes toward Negro citizens.

- For Governor -

1. Colin English has served as state superintendent of schools for about 11 years. It was during his first term as state superintendent that Florida Negro teachers began their fight for equal salaries. There are indications that Mr. English opposed the efforts of Negro teachers to get equal salaries. As state superintendent Mr. English has been an influential figure in the Florida Education Association (the state organization of white teachers), and it is said that this organization has appropriated money to hire lawyers to fight Negro teachers whenever they might file suits for equal salaries. J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee is the lawyer who has opposed Negro teachers in many of their suits for equal salaries, and Mr. Keen is said to be closely associated with Mr. English. Mr. English was in office 9 years before he recognized the Negro teachers enough to visit their State Association, although the superintendent who preceded him visited the Negro teachers' meetings quite frequently.

2. E. A. Shands of Gainesville has been a member of the State Legislature for a number of years. Last year Mr. Shands was one of the leaders in the fight against the Matthews White Primary Bill, which would have kept Negroes from voting in Democratic primaries.

3. Fuller Warren has served as a member of the State Legislature from Calhoun and Duval Counties. Mr. Warren has long been considered an advocate of "white supremacy", and it is said that he is closely associated with Senator John E. Matthews of Duval County, who tried hard to get a "white primary" bill through the last Legislature.

4. J. Tom Watson has been attorney general of Florida for several years. We can mention several instances in which Mr. Watson has openly taken a stand off in favor of Negroes. On Oct. 26, 1945, Mr. Watson issued a legal opinion which upheld the right of Negroes to register as Democrats and to vote in primary elections. Mr. Watson sent a copy of this opinion to the Progressive Voters' League. When the State Democratic Committee met in Tampa in 1946, Mr. Watson arranged for Mr.

5. B. Broughton, then president of the Voters' League, to talk with key members of this Committee about plans for permitting Negroes to vote in Democratic primaries. On Feb. 26, 1946, Mr. Broughton sent a circular letter to all registration supervisors, in which he reminded them that Negroes had a right to register as Democrats. When Jesse James Payne was lynched in 1945, Mr. Broughton informed Gov. Caldwell that Sheriff Davis was the uncle of the 5-year old white girl that Payne was accused of raping, and he recommended that Sheriff Davis be suspended.

- For State School Superintendent *

1. Thomas D. Bailey has served for several years as president and now as secretary of public relations for the Florida Education Association. As we stated above, this Association of white teachers has actively opposed the efforts of Negro teachers to get equal salaries. Many Negro teachers in Tampa feel that Mr. Bailey was in favor of a rating system when he was supervising principals there. (Some counties use this rating system as a scheme to pay Negro teachers less than they pay white teachers). Atty. J. Velma Keen, the lawyer who has opposed Negro teachers in most of their salary suits, is said to be supporting Mr. Bailey.

2. Robert D. Delley has had much to do with the development of vocational education in Florida. It is reported that Mr. Delley has been largely responsible for the opening up of many vocational schools for Negroes in Florida. Some of his associates have related instances in which Mr. Delley opposed efforts of white people to segregate and to practice discrimination against Negroes who were working with him in certain conferences.

3. Robert C. Marshall served for several years as principal and superintendent of schools in Duval County. Mr. Marshall visited our Board Meeting in Tampa on April 17th, and he gave favorable

- For Attorney General -

1. Grady Burton of Mauchula has been state attorney for many years. Two years ago attorneys NAACP were attacking the exclusion of Negroes from jury service in Polk County. It is report Mr. Burton voluntarily took the stand and testified that he had advised the Jury Commission violating the Constitution in excluding Negroes from the jury list. He further stated that he would not try another case involving Negroes unless names of Negroes were placed in the jury

2. Richard T. Ervin has served as an assistant to J. Tom Watson, and some feel that he shares Watson's attitude with regard to citizenship rights for Negroes.

Later this week we hope to send out a list of recommended candidates for delegate to the Nat Democratic Convention, as we want to support candidates who are not opposed to President Tru and his civil rights program.

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